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In re Application of:

Y. Bronicki et al.

Serial No.: 09/627,166

Group Art Unit: 1732

Filed: July 27, 2000

Examiner: M. Theisen

For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS FROM
HEAVY HYDROCARBON LIQUID**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on April 10, 2003; therefore, a petition for a two-month extension of time and check therefor are being filed herewith, extending the deadline to respond to June 10, 2003. Thus, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. This response should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 because the remarks place the application in condition for allowance. Early recognition of this is earnestly solicited.